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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2004, kindly enter the following amendment and response.

According to the Examiner's recommendation, executed copies of a supplemental oath (form PTO/SB/51S) and Reissue Patent Application Statement As To Loss Of Original Patent (form PTO/SB/55) are submitted herewith.

In addition, the applicant thanks the Examiner for finding that the pending claims 1-20 are allowable.